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Assembly Bills

Bill No: **AB 117 (Escutia) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Solid Waste: Demolition or Construction Debris**
Intro: Would prohibit, commencing April 1, 1999, the operation of a solid waste facility or
1/13/97 operation that handles demolition and construction debris, except as authorized by
Amended: Integrated Waste Management Act (Act) or regulations adopted by the CIWMB. The bill
7/3/97 would require the CIWMB to adopt tiered regulations by October 1, 1998, which adopt State
minimum standards for the operation of these facilities.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/7/97; taken off
Calendar; held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/15/97.

Bill No: **AB 228 (Midgen) Sponsor: Californians Against Waste**
Subject: **Newsprint: Recycled Content: State Agencies**
Intro: Would include the Office of State Printing (OSP) in the Department of General Services
2/5/97 (DGS) and any other State agency determined by the CIWMB to conduct any printing or
Amended: publishing operation within the definition of "consumer of newsprint," for purposes of the
3/31/97 recycled-content newsprint program administered by the CIWMB. Additionally the bill would
include legislative intent that all State agencies, including the OSP, are subject to the
recycled-content newsprint requirements and should do everything possible to achieve and
exceed those requirements.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 4/2/97; hearing put over.

Bill No: **AB 306 (Kaloogian) Sponsor: Intelligen, Inc.**
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring**
Intro: Would include microcogeneration as one of the described changes in usage for the
2/14/97 uneconomic costs applied to each customer based on the amount of electricity purchased
by the customer from an electrical corporation or alternate supplier of electricity, subject to
changes in usage occurring in the normal course of business.
Status: Referred to Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Bill No: **AB 362 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Advertising**
Intro: Would make it unlawful to represent a manufactured or distributed consumer good as
2/19/97 "ozone friendly," biodegradable or photodegradable unless that product meets certain
Amended: definitions. In addition, this bill would specify that if the Federal Trade Commission adopts
5/22/97 trade rules defining environmental marketing terms, these rules could be used in lieu of the
definitions in this bill. Finally, it would require a product labeled as "recycled" to list the
amount of postconsumer waste the product contains without specified percentages.
Status: Failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/7/97; reconsideration
granted; failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/21/97;
reconsideration granted; failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee
(6-8) on 5/28/97.

Bill No: **AB 375 (Firestone) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Solid Waste: Tires: Tire Wholesalers: Tire Recovery Programs**
Intro: Would require an amount equal to 50 cents to be paid by each motor vehicle manufacturer
2/19/97 and each tire wholesaler for every new tire that is sold, used, or transferred in California;
Amended: and would establish a tire recycling reimbursement program until June 30, 2002. The bill
5/27/97 would require all State agencies to give a purchase preference to asphalt pavement
containing recycled rubber, and would prescribe minimum combined State agency
utilization requirements for asphalt pavement containing recycled rubber. AB 375 would
require the CIWMB, as part of its annual budget request, to allocate funds requested for
grants, loans, and contracts under the tire recycling program. Finally, the bill would require
a two-thirds vote of the Legislature because the charge levied against tire wholesalers and
motor vehicle manufacturers would be classified as a State tax.

Status: Failed passage on the Assembly Floor (20-41) on 6/2/97; author granted reconsideration;
sent to the Assembly Floor Inactive File.

Bill No: **AB 376 (Baca) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Public Contracts**
Intro: Would require specified public contracts awarded by Caltrans of \$50,000 or over, annually
2/19/97 adjusted to reflect the consumer price index, to be awarded through a publicized
Amended: competitive bidding process involving sealed bids, with each contract being awarded to the
5/30/97 lowest qualified bidder.
Status: Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee.

Bill No: **AB 529 (Baldwin) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **State Funds**
Intro: Would provide that specified Budget Act revenues shall be deposited in the General Fund
2/24/97 and not be expended unless the Legislature authorizes that expenditure in the Budget Act
Amended: or in other legislation for the performance of special audits and investigations by the State
5/5/97 Auditor.
Status: Failed passage before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee (4-5) on 6/17/97;
reconsideration granted; failed passage before the Senate Governmental Organization
Committee (2-3) on 7/1/97.

Bill No: **AB 733 (Washington) Sponsor: California State Bar**
Subject: **Hazardous Materials: Hazardous and Solid Waste: Public Education**
Intro: Would require the Director of DTSC to develop for grades K-12 a public education program,
2/26/97 providing curricula on hazardous materials and hazardous and solid waste facilities, and a
statewide public education campaign to meet those objectives.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
on 1/13/98.

- Bill No: **AB 964 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Solid Waste Landfills: Alternative Daily Cover**
Intro: Would require any local agency using green waste as alternative daily cover to meet its
2/27/97 source reduction goals to also have in place a green waste collection, composting, or
Amended: marketing program that makes the material available to residential, commercial, and
4/16/97 government users. The bill would require the CIWMB, when reviewing a source reduction
and recycling element, to make an affirmative finding as to whether the local agency relies
on the use of alternative daily cover to meet its source reduction goals and to include this
information in its annual progress report to the Legislature.
Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 1/12/98.
- Bill No: **AB 1111 (Martinez) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Bid Announcements: Criteria and Specifications**
Intro: Would require a public entity, in awarding a contract pursuant to a public bidding process, to
2/27/97 accept the lowest responsible bid that most closely follows the criteria or specifications, or
both, contained within the announcement for bids, or reject all bids and initiate a new
announcement, containing new criteria or specifications, or both, and a new bidding
process.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic
Development Committee.
- Bill No: **AB 1170 (Kaloogian) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **State Regulatory Agencies Created by Statutes: Review**
Intro: Would require the Bureau of State Audits, by January 1, 2004, to conduct a performance
2/28/97 audit of each State regulatory agency, with specified exceptions. After the audit is
Amended: complete, the bill would require the Bureau to hold a public hearing to review the report and
5/1/97 require a copy of the report to be made available to the Legislature and the Governor.
Status: Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the
Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- Bill No: **AB 1179 (Woods) Sponsor: California Biomass Energy Alliance**
Subject: **Watershed Rehabilitation and Restoration: Statewide Plan**
Intro: Among other things, would require CDF, in consultation with relevant Federal, State, and
2/28/97 local agencies, including, but not limited to, the DFG, the SWRCB and the biomass power
Amended: industry, to develop a strategic statewide plan to promote the rehabilitation and restoration of
5/5/97 significant State watersheds.
Status: Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the
Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/30/97.
- Bill No: **AB 1195 (Torlakson) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Hazardous Substances: Liability**
Intro: Under the Hazardous Substance Account Act, would require a statement of the reasons for
2/28/97 allocating responsibility to each respective potentially responsible party, and an analysis of
Amended: that allocation, including, but not limited to, specified factors pertaining to the amount of
4/21/97 hazardous substance for which the potentially responsible party may be responsible, the
degree of the toxicity of the hazardous substance, the degree of involvement of the potential
responsible party, and the potentially responsible party's degree of care and cooperation
with government officials.
Status: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- Bill No: **AB 1273 (Woods) Sponsor: CIWMB**
Subject: **Solid Waste Management**

Intro: Would make a number of technical, definitional, and code clean-up provisions regarding
2/28/97 solid waste management.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **AB 1383 (Aroner) Sponsor: Author**

Subject: **Private Activity Bonds**

Intro: Would require the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to allocate at least 85 percent
2/28/97 of the State's ceiling on private activity bonds to housing bonds and not more than 10
Amended: percent of the State's ceiling to exempt facility bonds. The bill would authorize the
4/21/97 Committee to reallocate unused portions of the housing bond allocation to other bonds,
including exempt facility bonds.

Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee on 5/12/97; taken off
Calendar. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **AB 1393 (Alquist) Sponsor: State Controller's Office**

Subject: **State and Local Government: Performance Audits**

Intro: Would require each State agency and authorize any county, city, city and county, or
2/28/97 community college district, to conduct a performance audit of its activities and operations in
Amended: order to identify opportunities to reduce costs or duplicative of another agency within four
5/1/97 years of the effective date of the bill.

Status: Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the
Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/30/97.

Bill No: **AB 1409 (Baugh) Sponsor: Caltrans**

Subject: **Governmental Tort Liability**

Intro: Would revise the definition of dangerous condition for the purposes of governmental tort
2/28/97 liability to apply to a condition of property that creates substantial risk of injury when that
property or adjacent property is used with due care by all persons necessary for that risk of
injury to occur and in a manner in which it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be used.

Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Judiciary Committee on 5/14/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **AB 1497 (Brown) Sponsor: Author**

Subject: **State Agencies: Performance**

Intro: Would extend the date of a specified plan, devised by the DOF, for conducting performance
2/28/97 reviews for State agencies, departments, offices, and commissions that have completed
specified strategic plans to March 1, 1998.

Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and
Economic Development Committee on 1/13/98.

Bill No: **AB 1512 (Shelley) Sponsor: Californians Against Waste**

Subject: **Beverage Containers: Recycling: Beverages**

Intro: Would expand the types of containers that qualify under the California Beverage Container
2/28/97 Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. The bill would require the DOC on or after March 1,
Amended: 1998, to deposit specified revenue received as the result of the inclusion of newly-defined
5/5/97 beverage containers into the continuously appropriated California Beverage Container
Recycling Fund.

Status: Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (7-4) on 4/21/97; referred to the
Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **AB 1513 (Cardoza) Sponsor: Thermo-Eco-Teck**
Subject: **Income and Bank and Corporation Taxes: Biomass Power**
Intro: Would state intent of the Legislature to develop and implement methods of providing
2/28/97 financial assistance to the biomass power industry; provided that the value of the public
Amended: benefits substantially exceeds the costs of assistance to the industry.
7/23/97
Status: Passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee (8-0) on 7/16/97; referred to the
Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bills

- Bill No: **SB 2 (Thompson) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Parks and Resources Improvement: Bond Act**
Intro: Would enact the Parks and Resources Improvement Bond Act of 1998, which would be
Amended: submitted to voters at the General Election on November 3, 1998. The bill would authorize
5/1/97 the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$495,500,000 for the purpose of financing a
program for acquisition, development, improvement and the rehabilitation and enhancement
of park, recreation, cultural, historical, fish and wildlife, lake riparian, reservoir, delta, river,
and coastal resources. The bill would express legislative intent that every State and local
government agency who is a recipient of bond funds give full consideration to the use of
recycled and reusable products whenever possible in carrying out the activities enumerated
in the bill. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 4/7/97; held in the
Senate Appropriations Committee on 5/29/97.
- Bill No: **SB 58 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **State Agencies Legislation**
Intro: Would require every State agency that may be significantly affected by a bill to prepare an
12/5/96 analysis of the bill and deliver that analysis to the bill's author and each policy committee
set to hear that bill no later than seven calendar days prior to the first hearing in that
committee.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 7/7/97; taken
off Calendar.
- Bill No: **SB 130 (Thompson) Sponsor: Senate Budget Committee**
Subject: **1997-98 Budget**
Intro: Would make an appropriation for support of State government for the 1997-98 fiscal year.
1/9/97 Urgency Measure.
Amended: 5/28/97
Status: Referred to the Assembly Budget Committee.
- Bill No: **SB 179 (Hughes) Sponsor: Glass Packaging Institute**
Subject: **Processing Fees**
Intro: Would make nonsubstantive technical changes in California Beverage Container Recycling
1/22/97 and Litter Reduction Act provisions relating to imposition of the processing fee that is
Amended: effective until January 1, 1999.
5/14/97
Status: Referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee.
- Bill No: **SB 209 (Kopp) Sponsor: California Law Revision Commission**
Subject: **Judicial Review: Governmental Agency Actions**
Intro: Would repeal and add provisions relating to governing judicial review of decisions of State
1/28/97 agencies, local agencies, public corporations, and specified nongovernmental entities
Amended: (hospital boards, etc.).
9/11/97
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/22/97; held in committee.

Bill No: **SB 216 (Brulte) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring**
Intro: Would make technical changes in provisions relating to the restructuring of the electrical services industry.
1/29/97
Amended: 5/20/97
Status: Referred to the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Bill No: **SB 261 (Kopp) Sponsor: California Law Revision Commission**
Subject: **Judicial Review: Government Agency Actions**
Intro: Would make judicial review of specified State agency and local agency actions subject to the provisions being added by SB 209 (becomes operative only if SB 209, above, is enacted into law).
2/5/97
Amended: 4/2/97
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/22/97; held in Committee.

Bill No: **SB 412 (Peace) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **State Contracts: Conflict of Interest**
Intro: Would declare that the provisions of the State Contract Act relating to conflict of interest by specified individuals or entities shall be expanded to encompass those that bid on or are awarded electronic data processing and telecommunications goods and services contracts.
2/18/97
Amended: 5/5/97
Status: Additionally, the bill would only apply to proceedings, at law or in equity, that commence on or after January 1, 1998. Urgency Measure.
Set to be heard before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 5/19/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **SB 423 (Hurt) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Audit Reports: Privilege: Voluntary Noncompliance Disclosure: Immunity**
Intro: Would enact the Environmental Audit Privilege and Voluntary Noncompliance Disclosure Act of 1997.
2/18/97
Status: Failed passage before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee (3-6) on 4/21/97; author granted reconsideration.

Bill No: **SB 424 (Hurt) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Quality**
Intro: Would require an environmental impact report only on projects that are likely to have a significant effect on the environment.
2/18/97
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/21/97; taken off Calendar.

Bill No: **SB 436 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Solid Waste: Beverage Containers: Programs**
Intro: Would require the CIWMB, in consultation with the DOC, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report, not later than July 1, 1998, identifying any duplication or overlap between CIWMB and DOC programs pertaining to public information and education, local government review and assistance, and recycled materials market development. Urgency Measure.
2/18/97
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 598 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Audits**
Intro: Would define the term "environmental audit" and would make related legislative findings and
2/24/97 declarations.
Amended:
4/9/97
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No: **SB 647 (Brulte) Sponsor: California Manufacturers Association**
Subject: **Environmental Requirements**
Intro: Would prohibit the assessment of any civil or administrative sanction against any person who
2/25/97 fully discloses a minor violation of an environmental requirement to the regulatory agency
having jurisdiction over the matter.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/21/97; hearing put
over. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **SB 681 (O'Connell) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Beverage Containers: Processing Fees: Handling Fees**
Intro: Would, as of January 1, 2004, repeal the requirement for the DOC to establish a commingled
2/25/97 rate, and would extend the existing procedures for calculating processing fees until January
1, 2004. Additionally, the bill would repeal, as of January 1, 2004, the provisions prohibiting
the imposition of a processing fee on a PETE container, under specified circumstances.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee on 1/13/98.

Bill No: **SB 698 (Rainey) Sponsor: First Brands**
Subject: **Plastic Trash Bags**
Intro: Would, until January 1, 2001, require every manufacturer that manufactures plastic trash
2/25/96 bags of 0.75 mil or greater thickness, sold in California during specified calendar years, to
make prescribed calculations pertaining to the total weight of plastic trash bags sold in
Amended: California, to determine the recycled postconsumer material factor for the manufacturer for
6/23/97 the next calendar year and to certify to the CIWMB that it used the prescribed amount. The
bill would require the CIWMB, for every pound of postconsumer material purchased from a
source of postconsumer material for use in the manufacture of plastic trash bags, to credit
the manufacturer so certifying with having used 1.2 pounds of postconsumer material toward
compliance with the certification requirements. The bill would require the CIWMB to submit a
report to the Legislature by April 1, 2000, on, among other things, recommendations
regarding recycled plastic postconsumer material content requirements based on the
availability of that material.
Status: Failed passage before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (4-1) on 7/7/97; author
granted reconsideration.

Bill No: **SB 715 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Quality**
Intro: Would require the Office of Planning and Research, as part of its existing public assistance
2/25/97 and information program to establish and maintain a central repository for the collection,
storage, retrieval, and dissemination of notices of exemption, notices of preparation, notices
Amended: of determination, and notices of completion and make the notices available through the
5/27/97 Internet. Additionally, the bill would make policy changes to CEQA.
Status: Double-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly
Televising the Assembly and Information Technology Committee.

- Bill No: **SB 774 (Johannessen) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Restoration of Land: Disasters: CEQA Exemption**
Intro: Would provide that land and any appurtenant structures, as defined, in need of repairs due
2/26/97 to any natural or manmade disaster or an emergency are exempt from CEQA and any other
environmental review for purposes of restoring the land and any appurtenant structures to
the state in which they existed immediately prior to the natural or manmade disaster or
emergency if an application for an exemption is made within a specified period of time.
Status: Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.
- Bill No: **SB 878 (Karnette) Sponsor: City of Lakewood**
Subject: **Solid Waste: Diversion Requirements: Waste to Energy Credit**
Intro: Would authorize a city, county, or regional agency to submit to the CIWMB a revised source
2/26/97 reduction and recycling element that includes diversion waste credit through waste to energy
to be applied toward the 50% diversion requirement if specified conditions are met, including
that the waste to energy credit results from utilization of only the facilities in the cities of
Commerce and Long Beach and Stanislaus County, as permitted by the CIWMB and as
operational on or before January 1, 1990.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 1/12/98.
- Bill No: **SB 906 (Lee) Sponsor: Black Lawyers of the State Bar**
Subject: **Hazardous Waste Management Plans**
Intro: Among other things, would require the county plan to include an analysis of the expected
2/27/97 rates of hazardous waste production until 1999, and would additionally require the county
plan to include specified information regarding the demographics of the community within a
Amended: 10-mile radius of each hazardous waste stream and facility, and the consideration of
4/3/97 specified environmental equity goals.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 1/12/98.
- Bill No: **SB 988 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Solid Waste Management**
Intro: Would repeal the Used Oil Recycling Act and the Used Oil Collection Demonstration Grant
2/27/97 Program Act of 1990 administered by the CIWMB. Additionally the bill would enact certain
provisions of the Used Oil Recycling Act as part of the California Oil Recycling Enhancement
Act, including provisions that would, among other things, require the CIWMB to: 1)
coordinate activities and functions with all other State agencies in information gathering; 2)
encourage the purchase of recycled oil products, and 3) encourage the procurement of
rerefined automotive and industrial oils for all State and local uses.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
- Bill No: **SB 1000 (Rosenthal) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Future California Act of 1998**
Intro: Would, among other things, establish the Future California Act of 1998, a venue to examine
2/27/97 the State's future in its many dimensions, including demography, industry, environment,
Amended: policy, international relations and development.
4/23/97
Status: Sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/19/97; held in the Senate
Appropriations Committee on 5/29/97.

Bill No: **SB 1018 (Leslie) Sponsor: California Cattlemen's Association**
Subject: **Private Property: Illegal Dumping**
Intro: Would provide that in any case involving illegal dumping or littering of waste material on
2/27/97 private property located adjacent to a public road, highway or right-of-way without the
consent of the private property owner, the private property owner shall neither be liable for
the cost of the cleanup of illegally dumped or littered waste material, nor have the duty to
provide for such cleanup.
Status: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The author has made this a 2-year bill.

Bill No: **SB 1047 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Protection: Regulatory Implementation**
Intro: Would enact the California Environmental Protection Agency Regulatory Implementation Act
2/27/97 of 1997 without substantive provisions. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1093 (Rainey) Sponsor: Governance Consensus Project**
Subject: **State Budget: Performance Measures**
Intro: Would declare that the State budget shall focus on the results of government services at the
2/28/97 State and local levels, that State and local government officials are required to respect
existing program evaluation requirements and program performance measures, and that
outcome measures are to be realistic and commensurate with the revenue levels for each
program. Urgency Measure.
Status: Referred to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1114 (Solis) Sponsor: Unknown**
Subject: **Land Use: Development Permits**
Intro: Would require the OPA, in the TCA, to provide information to State and local agencies, as
2/28/97 well as to applicants for development projects, to assist them in meeting the requirements of
Amended: CEQA.
4/2/97
Status: Sent to the Senate Floor Inactive File on 5/22/97.

Bill No: **SB 1117 (Hayden) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Quality: Judicial Review: Public Utilities**
Intro: Would express the intent of the Legislature that judicial reviews of decisions by State
2/28/97 agencies, including the PUC, relating to CEQA, conform to the provisions of that act.
Status: Referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1132 (Polanco) Sponsor: Department of General Services**
Subject: **Public Acquisitions**
Intro: Would repeal the law that provides for a comprehensive scheme for State procurement of
2/28/97 materials, supplies, equipment, and services and establish in its place the California
Amended: Acquisition Reform Act of 1997.
4/8/97
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 1/13/98.

Bill No: **SB 1157 (Maddy) Sponsor: Department of Conservation**
Subject: **Beverage Containers: Nonprofit Dropoff Programs: Market-Based Recycling**
Intro: Would repeal the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act as of
2/28/97 January 1, 1999. The bill would enact the California Market-Based Beverage Container
Amended: Recycling and Litter Reduction Act and declare the intent of the Legislature in regards to this
4/17/97 new act.
Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife on 4/22/97; hearing put
over.

Bill No: **SB 1175 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Oil Recycling**
Intro: Would require the purchaser of lubricating oil that is exempt from the \$.16 per gallon amount
2/28/97 to give the seller of that oil an exemption certificate declaring that the oil is intended for use
Amended: in a manner that makes the oil exempt from the fee.
5/20/97
Status: Referred to the Assembly Floor Inactive File on 9/4/97.

Bill No: **SB 1196 (Leslie) Sponsor: Alpine County**
Subject: **Solid Waste Management: Plan: Countywide Siting Element**
Intro: Would exempt Alpine County from the requirement for a countywide siting element and a
2/28/97 summary plan content requirements until January 1, 2001, so long as Alpine County meets
Amended: specified requirements.
7/21/97
Status: Sent to the Assembly Floor Inactive File on 8/29/97.

Bill No: **SB 1216 (Costa) Sponsor: California Biomass Energy Alliance**
Subject: **Biomass Energy**
Intro: Would make a statement of legislative intent relating to financial assistance to the biomass
2/28/97 power industry. Urgency Measure.
Amended:
5/28/97
Status: Passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee (6-0) on 5/21/97; referred to the
Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1304 (O'Connell) Sponsor: State Controller's Office**
Subject: **State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting**
Intro: Would establish a task force during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 fiscal years to develop a
2/28/97 program of training and education to facilitate zero-based budgeting for the 2000-2001 fiscal
year.
Status: Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (12-0) on 7/14/97; referred to
the Assembly Budget Committee.

Bill No: **SB 1341 (Costa) Sponsor: Author.**
Subject: **Solid Waste: Local Enforcement Agencies: Appeals**
Intro: Would authorize the CIWMB, on appeal, to overturn an enforcement action by a LEA if the
2/28/97 CIWMB finds, based on substantial evidence, that "inaction" on the part of the LEA was
inconsistent with the Integrated Waste Management Act.
Status: Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. The author has made this a 2-
year bill.

Bill No: **SCA 13 (O'Connell) Sponsor: State Controller's Office**
Subject: **State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting**
Intro: Would amend the California Constitution to require that the budget submitted by the
3/17/97 Governor to the Legislature for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, and each subsequent fiscal year, be developed pursuant to zero-based budgeting for each State agency and set forth performance standards to be applied to those State agencies, together with a mechanism for evaluating whether those standards are satisfied in order to ascertain the effectiveness and efficiency of each of those agencies.
Status: Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (11-0) on 7/14/97; referred to the Assembly Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee.

Bill No: **SCR 15 (Peace) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring: Public Utilities Commission Reform**
Intro: Would create the Joint Oversight Committee on Electricity Restructuring and Reform to
2/5/97 oversee, until June 30, 1998, the implementation of AB 1890, SB 960, and SB 1322, relating
Amended: to electrical restructuring and PUC reform.
2/20/97
Status: Passed the Senate Floor (35-0) on 2/27/97; referred to Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Chaptered Bills

- Bill No: **AB 107 (Ducheny) Sponsor: Assembly Budget Committee**
Subject: **1997-98 Budget**
Intro: Makes appropriations for support of State government for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Urgency
1/9/97 Measure.
Amended:
8/11/97
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 8/18/97; *Chapter 282, Statutes of 1997.*
- Bill No: **AB 170 (Papan) Sponsor: Citicorp**
Subject: **Claims Against the State**
Intro: Enacts the California Prompt Payment Act, which specifies that certain provisions regarding
1/28/97 claims against the State may not be waived, altered, or limited by the State agency with
Amended: respect to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 1998, or the person or business
7/1/97 contracting on or after that date with the State agency. This bill provides that these
provisions are not to be construed to require a person or business contracting with a State
agency to have to submit a claim or invoice for payment of an interest penalty fee.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 8/26/97; *Chapter 360, Statutes of 1997.*
- Bill No: **AB 178 (Gallegos) Sponsor: Wynn Oil Company**
Subject: **Vehicles: Automotive Products.**
Intro: Allows the DFA to grant a variance from the ASTM chloride standard for recycled
1/29/97 automotive engine coolants or antifreeze.
Amended:
9/8/97
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; *Chapter 634, Statutes of 1997.*
- Bill No: **AB 206 (Hertzberg) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Citizen Complaint Act of 1997**
Intro: Enacts the Citizen Complaint Act of 1997, which requires State agencies, including the
2/4/97 California State University, that maintain Internet web sites to make plain-language
Amended: complaint forms available on their Internet web sites by July 1, 1998, or within 6 months of
7/25/97 the establishment of a web site, so that residents of the State can register complaints or
comment about the performance of a State agency or about individuals licensed by the
State agency.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/22/97; *Chapter 416, Statutes of 1997.*
- Bill No: **AB 475 (Pringle) Sponsor: California Chamber of Commerce**
Subject: **Office of Permit Assistance: Reports**
Intro: Requires the Cal/EPA, the Resources Agency, and BOE to submit to the OPA, in the TCA,
2/24/97 an annual report of the total dollar amount of fees or charges collected or assessed by each
Amended: agency and subdivision, starting with calendar year 1999, with all other State agencies to
7/24/97 commence reporting in calendar year 2000. Cal/EPA, in consultation with OPA, other State
agencies, and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee is required to develop a reporting form
no later than July 31, 1998.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/7/97; *Chapter 719, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: AB 847 (Wayne) **Sponsor:** *Appliance Recycling Centers of America*
Subject: **Discarded Major Appliances: Materials Requiring Special Handling: Hazardous Waste**
Intro: Provides that a hazardous waste generator is any person who removes from a major
2/27/97 appliance any material that requires special handling and is a hazardous waste. It requires
Amended: the DTSC or its enforcement agency to incorporate the regulation of materials that require
8/25/97 special handling and are hazardous wastes into existing inspection and enforcement
activities. The bill requires the DTSC to transmit a copy of the *Appliance Recycling Guide*,
published by the CIWMB, and any other materials determined to be necessary to ensure
compliance with the management of hazardous wastes removed from discarded
appliances, to specified persons and agencies.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; *Chapter 884, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: AB 968 (Knox) **Sponsor:** *Author*
Subject: **Air Pollution: Fine Particles: Monitoring Program**
Intro: Requires the ARB to conduct an expanded and revised program of monitoring airborne fine
2/27/97 particles smaller than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM 2.5), and report annually by January 1 to
Amended: the Legislature on the status and results of the program.
9/2/97
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/29/97; *Chapter 518, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: AB 1097 (Brown) **Sponsor:** *Assembly Governmental Organization Committee*
Subject: **Open Meetings**
Intro: Deletes the repeal date of the law that authorizes a State body to hold an open or closed
2/27/97 meeting by teleconference.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 7/8/97; *Chapter 52, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: AB 1571 (Ducheny) **Sponsor:** *Author*
Subject: **Budget Act of 1997: Augmentations**
Intro: Among other things, provides \$2.5 million from the General Fund to the Rice Straw
3/17/97 Demonstration Project Fund to fund apportionment by the ARB for research, development,
Amended: or demonstration projects on alternative uses of rice straw. Urgency Measure.
9/12/97
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; *Chapter 928, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: AB 1587 (Committee on Budget) **Sponsor:** *Author*
Subject: **Education Finance**
Intro: Among other things, provides \$1 million from the General Fund to the Superintendent of
3/17/97 Public Instruction for allocation to school districts in the 1997-98 fiscal year to ensure
Amended: children's safety on school playgrounds and reduce playground injuries by upgrading,
8/28/97 refurbishing, or replacing school playgrounds and playground facilities. Grants are to be
awarded in consultation with the DHS and CIWMB (use of recycled materials for equipment).
Urgency Measure.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; *Chapter 889, Statutes of 1997.*
Line Item Although the Governor signed this legislation, he line-item vetoed the section relating to the
Veto by \$1 million allocation to school districts for upgrading playground facilities. In his signature
Governor: letter, the Governor stated that, "....Districts have received sufficient one-time revenues to
fund this need from local resources."

Bill No: **SB 90 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Energy Resources: Renewable Energy Resources: Funding**
Intro: Requires electrical corporations to forward revenues derived from the renewable resource
12/18/96 technology fee to the CEC for deposit in the Renewable Resource Trust Fund and into
Amended: accounts in the Fund. Portions of the Fund would be continuously appropriated to the CEC
9/11/97 for production incentive payments to biomass, landfill gas, digester gas, whole-waste tires,
and municipal waste-to-energy facilities.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; *Chapter 905, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 95 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Open Meetings**
Intro: Conforms the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, which applies to State bodies, with the
12/19/96 Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs meetings of legislative bodies of local agencies.
Amended:
8/25/97
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; *Chapter 949, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 252 (Kelley) Sponsor: Regional Council of Rural Counties**
Subject: **Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring**
Intro: Requires the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to submit a
2/4/97 report to the Regional Council of Rural Counties, and to the Chairs of the Senate Energy,
Amended: Utilities and Communications Committee and the Assembly Utilities and Commerce
7/9/97 Committee, by July 1, 1998, on recommendations for legislation relating to aggregation of
electrical purchases by small rural counties. Urgency Measure.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/25/97; *Chapter 479, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 318 (Thompson) Sponsor: California Farm Bureau Federation, California Rice
Industry Association and Rice Producers of California**
Subject: **Air Pollution: Rice Straw Burning**
Intro: Specifies the number of acres that may be burned in specified spring and fall months
2/11/97 through the year 2000, and would revise the conditions and procedures that apply after the
Amended: year 2000. The ARB is required to administer a demonstration program for the
9/8/97 development of new rice straw technologies through the awarding of grants from the Rice
Straw Demonstration Project Fund.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/7/97; *Chapter 745, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 320 (Senate Housing and Land Use Committee) Sponsor: Committee**
Subject: **Housing and Land Use Omnibus Act of 1997**
Intro: Corrects technical and code cleanup problems discovered by builders, planners, and
2/11/97 housing advocates with the State statutes that affect housing, land use, and redevelopment
Amended: issues. The bill includes legislative intent regarding the authority of local agencies when
9/4/97 rice straw-bales are used as an alternative construction method.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/29/97; *Chapter 580, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 458 (Peace) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **State Agencies: Mail: Disclosure of Personal Information**
Intro: Prohibits a State agency, including the California State University, from sending any
7/1/97 outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains personal information about the
Amended: individual unless the personal information is contained within sealed correspondence and
9/5/97 cannot be viewed from the outside of that sealed correspondence.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; *Chapter 685, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 492 (Rosenthal) Sponsor: Unknown**
Subject: **State Agencies and Regulatory Boards: Internet.**
Intro: Requires specified boards, programs and departments within the Department of Consumer
2/20/97 Affairs and the Department of Real Estate, on or before January 1, 1999, to provide public
Amended: information on the Internet, including, but not limited to, information relative to suspensions
7/22/97 and revocations of licenses issued by the State agency or regulatory board and other related
enforcement actions taken against persons, businesses, or facilities subject to licensure or
regulation by a State agency or regulatory board. The bill would not effect the CIWMB
because it is not one of the specified agencies required by the bill to post information on its
Internet site.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; *Chapter 661, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 504 (Johnston) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Administrative Law: Written Communication**
Intro: Requires, as part of the Administrative Procedure Act, that interested parties submitting
2/20/97 written communications to a State agency in quasi-judicial proceedings indicate the name of
Amended: the person who paid for the production of that communication. The bill authorizes a State
6/16/97 agency to refuse or ignore a written communication submitted by attorneys in a quasi-judicial
proceeding unless the written communication clearly indicates the client in the proceeding.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State 8/4/97, *Chapter 192, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 660 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Hazardous Waste Management: Hazardous Waste Management: Hazardous
Substance Response Actions: Fees**
Intro: Enacts the Environmental Cleanup and Fee Reform Act of 1997 that would, among other
2/25/97 things, restructure and simplify the existing hazardous waste fee system.
Amended:
9/10/97
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; *Chapter 870, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 675 (Costa) Sponsor: Browning and Ferris Industries**
Subject: **Air Pollution: Odors**
Intro: Extends, until four years from the effective date of this bill, current provisions in law which
2/25/97 delegate primary regulatory responsibility for compost facility odors to local enforcement
Amended: agencies (LEAs). The bill requires an air district to report compost facility odor complaints
9/2/97 to a LEA within 24 hours or by the next working day. SB 675 requires: 1) the CIWMB to
convene a working group on or before April 1, 1998, to assist in the implementation of the
exemption; 2) the CIWMB and the working group to take specified actions by April 1, 1999;
and 3) the CIWMB to implement, by January 1, 2000, recommendations of the working
group that the CIWMB determines to be appropriate. Urgency Measure.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/8/97; *Chapter 788, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 1034 (Maddy) Sponsor: Bioclean Industries**
Subject: **Health Facilities and Services: Medical Waste: Trauma Scene Waste Management**
Intro: Enacts the Trauma Scene Waste Management Act to regulate businesses that clean up
2/27/97 locations contaminated by blood or other specified bodily fluids. The bill requires the DHS to
Amended: regulate the waste management activities of these businesses, requires these businesses to
8/29/97 register with DHS and requires DHS to generate a list of registered companies, which would
be available to all local health officers and administrators. Additionally, SB 1034 provides
that the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development have plan review
responsibilities for the construction or alteration of surgical clinics and chronic dialysis clinics.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/7/97; *Chapter 732, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 1066 (Sher) Sponsors: City of San Jose, League of California Cities and**
Subject: **Californians Against Waste**
Solid Waste: Market Development
Intro: Authorizes the CIWMB to grant single or multiyear extensions to achieve the goals of the
2/27/97 Integrated Waste Management Act (Chapter 1095, Statutes of 1989). The bill requires the
Amended: CIWMB to consider specified circumstances in deciding whether to grant an alternative
9/8/97 source reduction, recycling, and composting requirement. It requires the Market
Development Plan developed by the CIWMB to include efforts to encourage and promote
cooperative, regional programs to expand markets for recycled materials, and include
activities to address problems and opportunities that are unique to rural, urban, and
suburban areas of the state. SB 1066 requires the CIWMB to develop a plan to provide
assistance to local agencies in the implementation of cost-effective programs that provide a
quality supply of recycled materials for markets. The bill authorizes the CIWMB to develop a
program to increase the use of compost products in agricultural applications. It requires the
CIWMB, the TCA, and the Treasurer to coordinate activities that will leverage financing for
market development projects and encourage joint activities to strengthen markets for
recycled materials. SB 1066 requires the CIWMB to assist market development efforts by
local agencies and the private sector, to use data resources collected from recycling,
composting and disposal activities, or from other sources, and to provide periodic information
on the recovery and availability of recycled materials. Finally, the bill requires the CIWMB,
by September 1, 1998, to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that details
specified matters regarding regulations and procedures concerning recycling by state
agencies.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; *Chapter 672, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 1273 (Hurt) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **State Agencies: Electronic Mail**
Intro: Authorizes State agencies, including the CIWMB, to send notices and other material by
2/28/97 electronic mail, at the request of the recipient. The bill authorizes a State agency to require
Amended: that direct costs incurred by the agency involving the electronic transmission of requested
9/10/97 information shall be paid by the requester.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; *Chapter 687, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 1305 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Public Utilities**
Intro: Establishes a program under which entities offering electric services disclose accurate,
2/28/97 reliable, and simple to understand information on the generation attributes of the electricity
Amended: that they propose to sell. The bill requires the Energy Resources Conservation and
9/8/97 Development Commission, in conjunction with the ARB and affected air districts, to issue a
report to the Legislature assessing air emission effects of electric utility restructuring by June
1, 1999.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/9/97; *Chapter 796, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 1320 (Sher) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Environmental Protection**
Intro: Requires Cal/EPA or Cal/EPA boards, offices, and departments to enter into agreements
2/28/97 with external scientific entities for review of the scientific basis for proposed regulations that
Amended: are designed to protect public health or the environment. The bill requires boards, offices,
8/11/97 and departments to amend proposed regulations in accordance with the comments of the
scientific entity or explain the scientific foundation for agency actions that are contrary to the
comments of the scientific entity. Budget trailer bill.
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 8/18/97; *Chapter 295, Statutes of 1997.*

Bill No: **SB 1330 (Lockyer) Sponsor: Cattlemen's Association**
Subject: **Solid Waste: Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Abatement: Grant Program**
Intro: Requires the CIWMB to create a program of grants to cities and counties to cover the costs
2/28/97 of cleaning up solid waste illegally disposed on farm or ranch property.
Amended:
9/12/97
Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; *Chapter 875, Statutes of 1997.*

Vetoed Bills

Bill No: **AB 84 (Woods) Sponsor: California Rice Industry Association & Rice Producers Association**
Subject: **State Contracts: Recycled Products Preferences**
Intro: Would have required State agencies to give a price preference, not to exceed 10 percent, to products manufactured with rice straw. Additionally, the bill would have required the CIWMB to implement this price preference program by July 1, 1998. The CIWMB could not expend more than \$110,000 from the Integrated Waste Management Fund to implement this program, of which no more than \$10,000 is allowed for administrative costs for the program. This program would have become inoperative on the date that the CIWMB has expended \$100,000 for funding claims. Additionally, AB 84 would have required the DGS to require the persons with whom they contract to use, to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work, these products.
12/23/96
Amended: 6/24/97
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/10/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...While the intent of the bill may have merit, I am concerned that the bill may be premature. Last year, I signed AB 3345 (Chapter 991, 1996) which requires the Waste Board to complete a study on uses of agricultural wastes, including rice straw, by January 1, 2000. I believe that any new program involving the use of agricultural wastes should await completion of that study. In addition, there appears to be no basis to elevate rice straw products to a higher status for price preferences, as past price preferences claims programs have not been successful. Further, the bill would result in a significant unfunded cost to the Waste Board which would adversely impact existing high-priority programs such as permitting, enforcement and education."

Bill No: **AB 179 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Public Records**
Intro: Would have provided for public inspection of public records and copying in all forms, and would have specified that electronic access to identifiable public records shall not be construed to permit public access to records held by the DMV or the CHP. The bill would have expressly stated that an elected member or officer of any State or local agency is entitled to access to public records of that agency on the same basis as any other person. The bill would have limited the authorization to apply for judicial relief under the California Public Records Act to persons who submitted a written request for a public record and that request was denied or the agency to which the request was directed has failed to respond in a timely manner.
1/30/97
Amended: 9/9/97
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/12/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...This bill creates a new inflexible mandate by requiring the agency to provide the electronic data in the form requested, unless it is "unreasonable" to do so, without ever defining the breadth of that exemption, thereby leaving it open to litigation. A request that an electronic record is provided in a particular form may require additional expense, burden, and time to segregate the public data from the exempt data, but the bill provides no guidance whether or to what extent that additional burden makes it "unreasonable."

Additionally the Governor stated, "...Agencies should make available to the public all documents to which public access is granted. But we need not add costs and rigidity to these obligations by specifying the form in which it will be done."

Bill No: **AB 705 (Strom-Martin) Sponsor: Californians Against Waste**
Subject: **State Recycling**
Intro: Would have required, upon the request of a local agency, that any State agency declare to what extent it intends to utilize programs or facilities established by the local agency for the handling, diversion, and disposal of solid waste. If the State agency did not intend to utilize those established programs or facilities the bill would have required the State agency to identify sufficient disposal capacity for waste that is not source reduced, recycled, or composted. Additionally, AB 705 would have reenacted provisions of law that required all State agencies to purchase certain recycled products if they meet quality and cost considerations. The bill would have included building and construction materials, outdoor furniture, and landscaping materials within the definition of recycled products for purposes of procurement requirements for State agencies.
2/26/97
Amended:
9/5/97
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/4/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...this bill states that upon the request of the local agency, any state agency shall declare to what extent it intends to utilize programs or facilities established by the local agency for the disposal of solid waste. If the state agency declines to utilize the locally established program or facility, it is required to identify sufficient disposal capacity for its resulting waste. Although this immediately follows the intent language about state and local agencies working together, this section provides nearly unlimited authority for local agencies to require a state agency to respond to this burdensome request. As written, the provision is broad, undefined in critical areas, and displays a lack of respect for the overall sovereignty of state agencies and a lack of understanding of state agency operations and of relevant codes and regulations."
Message:

Bill No: **AB 1055 (Villaraigosa) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Playground Equipment and Facilities: Grant Program: Safety: Recycled Materials**
Intro: Would have enacted the Playground Safety and Recycling Act of 1997. The Act would have established, until July 1, 2001, the playground safety and recycling grant program administered by SDE, in consultation with DHS. The purpose of AB 1055 was to provide grants to local agencies to upgrade and improve local playgrounds. Additionally, the bill would have provided as a condition for a local agency to be eligible for grant funds, that funds would be used for the improvement or replacement of playground equipment or facilities through the use of recycled materials. Urgency Measure.
2/27/97
Amended:
9/9/97
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/12/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...A state-funded grant program is unnecessary. Playground facilities are an integral plan of the school infrastructure. Any installation, upgrades, repairs, or replacements may be done in the course of regular operations, based upon the individual school's priorities, and utilizing funding already provided through a variety of sources."
Message:

Bill No: **AB 1157 (Wayne) Sponsor: Author**
Subject: **Hazardous Waste: Variance**
Intro: Would have required the DTSC to issue a public notice not less than 30 days immediately preceding the date of the proposed granting of the hazardous waste variance, unless the issuance of the variance was immediately required to protect human health or the environment.
2/28/97
Amended:
7/18/97
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 9/21/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...enactment of AB 1157 would increase costs for businesses by unnecessarily impeding business operations for an additional 30 days, without providing any demonstrated level of health and safety benefits beyond the existing requirements."
Message:

Bill No: AB 1293 (Bowen) *Sponsor: Author*
Subject: Geographic Information Systems
Intro: Would have enacted the Strategic Geographic Information Investment Act of 1997. It would
2/28/97 have required the Resources Agency to establish a Geographic Information Systems Panel
Amended: (GISP) responsible for implementing a grant program and the Geographic Information Grant
9/5/97 Fund (GIGF) to serve as an alternative source of funds for public agencies to create and
maintain geographic information data bases.
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/10/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...Among other concerns, it is counter-
Message: intuitive to create an advisory panel with seven or more members, pay their travel and per
diem and call the action government efficiency. This is particularly true when most of the
goals of this program are achievable under existing law. In short, this bill is unnecessary and
creates an infrastructure to accomplish what can be done in its absence."

Bill No: SB 74 (Kopp) *Sponsor: California Newspaper Publishers Association*
Subject: Records
Intro: Would have provided for public inspection of public records and copying of all forms, as
12/12/96 specified. The bill would have clarified that nothing shall limit the ability of elected members
Amended: or officers of any State or local agency to access public records permitted by law in the
8/11/97 administration of their duties.
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 9/12/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... This bill creates a new inflexible mandate
Message: by requiring the agency to provide the electronic data in the form requested, unless it is
"unreasonable" to do so, without ever defining the breadth of that exemption, thereby
leaving it open to litigation. A request that an electronic record is provided in a particular
form may require additional expense, burden, and time to segregate the public data from the
exempt data, but the bill provides no guidance whether or to what extent that additional
burden makes it 'unreasonable.' Agencies should make available to the public all documents
to which public access is granted. But we need not add costs and rigidity to these
obligations by specifying the form in which it will be done."

Bill No: SB 451 (Watson) *Sponsor: California State Bar*
Subject: Land Use: General Plans: Environmental Equity
Intro: Would have required the local governments' general plans to provide for the general location
2/19/97 of commercial and industrial land uses that are regulated because of handling of hazardous
Amended: materials to avoid concentrating these uses in close proximity to schools or residential
8/27/97 communities and to provide for the fair treatment of people, regardless of race, culture or
income level.
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 9/28/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... The process to site and develop a solid
Message: and/or hazardous waste facility is an intensive exercise in environmental documentation,
geographical consideration, public hearings, and state and local permitting procedures. The
law presently contains an abundance of planning requirements, including provision of
extensive public hearings to address environmental and other land use planning concerns
that include and exceed those contained in this bill. Specifically, regular periodic amendment
of local community general plans is required by law to be made in compliance with the
extensive projects of CEQA. This bill will add nothing of practical value to the present
extensive and rigorous protections and planning requirements demanded by existing law."

Bill No: SB 1113 (Solis) *Sponsor: Author*
Subject: Environmental Quality: Minority and Low-Income Populations
Intro: Would have required the Office of Planning and Research, by January 1, 2000, to
2/28/97 recommend changes to the CEQA guidelines to provide for the identification and mitigation
Amended: by public agencies of disproportionately high and adverse environmental effects of projects
7/11/97 on minority populations and low-income populations. The bill would have required the
Secretary of Resources Agency to certify and adopt those recommended changes by
January 1, 2000.
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/4/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... The state environmental laws do not
Message: provide separate, less stringent requirements, or lower standards in minority and low-income
communities. Environmental laws are, and should remain, color-blind. The California
Environmental Quality Act was not designed to be used as a tool for a social movement.
The California Environmental Quality Act is a cumbersome process and any changes made
to it should be to streamline the current process, not add new requirements that will only
negatively affect the economy and the people of this state."

Bill No: SB 1179 (Polanco) *Sponsor: Browning and Ferris Industries*
Subject: Solid Waste Enterprise: Indemnity Obligation: Diversion Penalty
Intro: Would have restricted the ability of local government to impose monetary penalties on solid
2/28/97 waste enterprises for the enterprises' failure to meet solid waste diversion mandates
Amended: specified in the Integrated Waste Management Act.
8/28/97
Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/13/97.
Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... To assert that solid waste management
Message: enterprises cannot indemnify losses based upon their own breach without the state's
intervention to negotiate the terms of the agreement is ludicrous on its face. Thousands of
contracts incorporate performance provisions that offer incentives or impose specific
damages. These contracts are routinely drafted and enforced without government
intervention.

When government ventures into the arena of contractual negotiations it is generally to protect an obviously disadvantaged party. In this instance it appears that the state is being asked to protect the industry from itself. Indeed there is significant evidence that the industry is responsible for the proliferation of waste diversion indemnification agreements. Various solid waste management providers have offered to indemnify prospective clients to gain an advantage in a competitive marketplace.

The problem contemplated in SB 1179 is prospective in that no solid waste enterprise has ever been asked to indemnify a local governmental agency for waste diversion penalties because no such penalties have ever been imposed. In addition, my recent signing of SB 1066 (Sher), which authorizes waste diversion variances and time extensions, makes it significantly less likely that diversion penalties will be imposed precipitously.

Nonetheless, it's arguable that local government agencies should be precluded from shifting responsibility for their own failure to comply with state law even to a willing solid waste enterprise.

I would accordingly be willing to consider legislation which clearly, concisely and prospectively provides that a solid waste enterprise may not indemnify a governmental agency by obligating itself to pay waste diversion penalties unrelated to its own performance.

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Federal Legislation

HR 277 (Schumer, D-NY)

Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1997

Would increase penalties and strengthen enforcement of environmental crimes.

Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; joint referral to the House Committees on Judiciary, Commerce, Agriculture, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 316 (Solomon, R-NY)

Hazardous Waste Recycling Tax Credit Act of 1997

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable income tax credit for the recycling of hazardous waste.

Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 360 (Towns, D-NY)

Waste Export and Import Prohibition Act

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit the international export and import of certain solid waste.

Status: Introduced on January 7, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 688 (Schaefer, Dan, R-CO)

Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the leaking underground storage tank trust fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 1997; joint referral to the House Committees on Commerce; and Ways and Means; cleared for full committee by Finance and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee (by voice vote) on 3/20/97; passed the Floor of the House by voice vote on 4/23/97; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HR 712 (Delauro, D-CT)

National Infrastructure Development Act of 1997

Would facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects, including solid waste facilities, and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Corporation.

Status: Introduced on February 12, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 843 (Ford, D-TN)

Location of Hazardous Waste Near Certain Properties, Prohibition

Would prohibit the location of solid and hazardous waste facilities near residential, day care, church, and school properties.

Status: Introduced on February 26, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 873 (Greenwood, R-PA)
Land Recycling Act of 1997

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to limit Federal authority for response action for release subject to State voluntary response program, to provide protection for prospective purchasers of land, and for innocent landowners.

Status: Introduced on February 27, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 942 (Franks, Bob, R-NJ)
Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997; Municipal Solid Waste Flow Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 943 (Franks, Bob, R-NJ)
Municipal Solid Waste Flow Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to control the movement of municipal solid waste to waste management facilities within the boundaries of the State or within the boundaries of political subdivisions of the State.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 979 (Kennelly, D-CT)
Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of private activity that may be issued in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 996 (Weller, R-IL)
Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to finance environmental remediation of contaminated sites.

Status: Introduced on March 6, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 997 (Weller, R-IL)
Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow expensing and rapid amortization of certain environmental remediation expenditures.

Status: Introduced on March 6, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 1041 (Kennedy, Patrick, D-RI)
Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment (Tires)

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide grants to States to stabilize and remove large tire piles that are near drinking water sources and sensitive populations.

Status: Introduced on March 12, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1120 (Dingell, D-MI)
Community Revitalization and Brownfield Cleanup Act of 1997

Would assist local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to encourage State voluntary response programs for remediating such sites, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on March 19, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1158 (Frelinghuysen, R-NJ)

Superfund Liability Exemption for Local Educational Agencies Act

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to restrict the liability under that act of local educational agencies for the amount and toxicity of solid waste generated by those agencies.

Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1199 (Souder, R-IN)

Common Sense Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting and Permitting Act of 1997

Would protect residents and localities from irresponsibly sited hazardous waste facilities.

Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1206 (Visclosky, D-IN)

Program of Voluntary Environmental Cleanups by States, Requirement

Would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which States may be certified to carry out voluntary environmental cleanup programs for low and medium priority sites to protect human health and the environment and promote economic development.

Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1270 (Upton, R-MI)

Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Amendment

Would amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the building of an interim high level nuclear waste storage facility at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

Status: Introduced on April 10, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce, the House committee on Resources, and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; public mark-up held by the House Energy and Power Subcommittee on July 31, 1997; public mark-up held by the House Committee on Commerce on September 18, 1997; report filed by the House Committee on Commerce on October 1, 1997; ordered reported unfavorably by the House Committee on Resources on October 8, 1997; report filed House Committee on Resources on October 21, 1997.

HR 1346 (Gilchrest, R-MD)

State and Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for restrictions on receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 16, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1358 (Buyer, R-IN)

Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit a Governor to limit the disposal of out-of-State solid waste in the Governor's State, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1359 (Defazio, D-OR)

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, Amendment

Would amend the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers. Would define "renewable energy" as electricity generated from nontoxic organic waste, biomass, dedicated energy crops, landfill gas, geothermal, solar, tidal and wind resources, except that such term does not include electricity generated from the incineration of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1392 (Regula, R-OH)

Brownfields Reuse and Real Estate Development Act

Would require the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which States may be certified to carry out voluntary environmental cleanup programs and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 regarding the liability of landowners and prospective purchasers.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1393 (Rivers, D-MI)

Toxic Substances Control Act, Amendment

Would amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to establish certain requirements regarding the approval of facilities for the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1395 (Rothman, D-NJ)

Brownfields and Environmental Cleanup Act of 1997

Would assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental cleanup programs, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1462 (Visclosky, D-IN)

Pilot Program for Revolving Loans for Cleanup of Brownfield Sites, Establishment

Would authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot project providing loans to States to establish revolving loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in distressed areas that have the potential to attract private investment and create local employment.

Status: Introduced on April 24, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1506 (Velazquez, D-NY)

Community Environmental Equity Act

Would amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit discrimination regarding exposure to hazardous substances.

Status: Introduced on April 30, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1576 (Stark, D-CA)

Continuation of Operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center, Provision

Would provide for the continuation of the operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center.

Status: Introduced on May 8, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the House Committee on Science.

HR 1586 (Rivers, D-MI)

National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers, to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on May 13, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1697 (Rivers, D-MI)

Impact of NAFTA on Job Loss and the Environment, Assessment

Would assess the impact of the North American Free-Trade Agreement on domestic job loss and the environment, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on May 21, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 1839 (White, R-WA)

National Requirements for Titling of Salvage, Nonrepairable, and Rebuilt Vehicles, Establishment

Would establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles. Describes responsibilities of professional automotive recyclers or professional scrap processors.

Status: Introduced on June 10, 1997; joint-referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on the Judiciary; public hearing held by Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee on June 26, 1997; cleared for full committee, as amended, by the Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee; report filed by the House Committee on Commerce, discharged from the House Committee on the Judiciary and placed on the House Union Calendar on September 30, 1997; received in the Senate, after passage in the House; referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HR 1960 (Markey, D-MA)

Electric Power Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 1977

Would modernize the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the Federal Power Act, the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote competition in the electric power industry. Would provide for electric industry restructuring; would establish pollution standards and a renewable energy credit trading system, and create a safety net for low-income consumers.

Status: Introduced on June 19, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce; public hearing held by House Energy and Power Subcommittee on October 21 and 22, 1997.

HR 2102 (Talent, R-MO)

Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, Amendment

Would amend the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 to repeal the sunset of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ombudsman, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on June 26, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 2451 (Moran, Jim, D-VA)

Protection of Children from Certain Environmental Pollutants, Provision

Would protect children and other vulnerable subpopulations from exposure to certain environmental pollutants, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on September 10, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 2485 (Stupak, D-MI)

Common Sense Superfund Liability Relief Act of 1997

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide liability relief for small parties, innocent landowners, and prospective purchasers.

Status: Introduced on September 16, 1997; joint-referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 2654 (Greenwood, R-PA)

Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit States and political subdivisions to control the disposal of out-of-State municipal solid waste within their boundaries.

Status: Introduced on October 9, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 2727 (Boehlert, R-NY)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize and reform the Superfund program, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on October 23, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

HR 2733 (Tauzin, R-LA)

Superfund Recycling Equity Act

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to clarify liability under that Act for certain recycling transactions.

Status: Introduced on October 24, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 2750 (Barcia, D-MI)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980.

Status: Introduced on October 28, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 2910 (Pallone, D-NJ)

Reduction of Risk of Mercury Pollution, Provision

Would reduce the risk of mercury pollution through use reduction, increased recycling, and reduction of emissions into the environment, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 7, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce and Agriculture.

HR 2980 (Allen, D-ME)

National Beverage Container Recycling Initiative Act

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers, to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 9, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 3000 (Oxley, R-OH)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment

Would exempt any generator or transporter who contributed only municipal solid waste to one of Superfund's National Priority List (NPL) sites; any generators or transporters who contributed small amounts of waste, to an NPL site; and any generator or transporter of waste whose wastes did not contribute significantly—which would be determined by the mobility, toxicity and amount of waste—to the cleanup costs at the site. The bill also would provide exemptions or liability limitations to any person or party that inherited contaminated land, tax-exempt organizations, certain railroad spur owners and certain construction contractors.

Status: Introduced on November 10, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means

HR 3042 (Kolbe, R-AZ)

Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1997

Would amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 13, 1997; passed the House (voice vote) on November 13, 1997.

HR 3044 (Minge, D-MN)

Distorting Subsidies Limitation Act of 1997

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that economic subsidies provided by a State or local government for a particular business to locate or remain within the government's jurisdiction shall be taxable to such business and for other purposes. Solid waste disposal facilities would be included under this Act.

Status: Introduced on November 13, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 3065 (Lofgren, D-CA)

New Environmental Monitoring Technologies, Provisions

Would direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to design and implement a performance-based measurement system to encourage the development of new environmental monitoring technologies.

Status: Introduced on November 13, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Science, Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

H. Resolution 119 (Farr, D-CA)

Resolution Requiring Implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives

Would provide for the mandatory implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives.

Status: Introduced on April 16, 1997; referred to the House Committee on House Oversight.

H. Resolution 251 (Farr, D-CA)

Resolution Expressing Support for America Recycles Day

Would express support for the goals of America Recycles Day.

Status: Introduced on September 29, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

S 8 (Smith, Robert C., R-NH)

Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997

Would reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980. The bill would streamline cleanups, delegate authority to states and exempt all generators and transporters at co-disposal landfills, or those that mainly receive municipal solid waste and sewage sludge, for conduct prior to January 1, 1997.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; public hearing held by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on March 4 and 5, 1997.

S 18 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)

Brownfields and Environmental Cleanup Act of 1997

Would assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental cleanup programs. The bill would authorize \$10 million in grants for states and local governments to inventory and assess brownfield sites. Additionally, it would authorize \$15 million in grants for states to establish and capitalize low interest loan programs to clean up the sites and would limit the potential liability of innocent buyers of brownfields.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 104 (Murkowski, R-AK)

Nuclear Waste

Among other things, would establish Yucca Mountain as the site for an interim storage facility and would require EPA to issue standards to protect the public from radioactive leaks from a permanent nuclear waste repository.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; public hearing held in Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 5, 1997; reported out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 14, 1997; unanimous consent agreement for consideration of the measure on the Senate Floor on April 9, 1997; passed the Senate Floor with of vote of 65-34 on April 15, 1997; referred to the House Of Representatives.

S 215 (Jeffords, R-VT)

National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs.

Status: Introduced on January 28, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S 237 (Bumpers, D-AR)

Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1997

Would provide for retail competition by December 15, 2000, among electric energy suppliers for the benefit and protection of consumers. Would define "renewable energy" as electricity generated from solar, wind, waste, except municipal waste, biomass, hydroelectric or geothermal resources.

Status: Introduced on January 30, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 297 (Bryan (D-NV)

Nuclear Waste Independent Review Act

Would establish a presidential commission on nuclear waste.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 384 (Conrad, D-ND)

Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to allow States to regulate the disposal of municipal solid waste generated outside the State.

Status: Introduced on February 28, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 399 (McCain, R-AZ)

Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1997

Would amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in the National Environmental and Native American Public Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; report filed by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 31, 1997; passed as amended on the Senate Floor (unanimous consent); received in the House, after passage in the Senate on October 21, 1997.

S 443 (Baucus, D-MT)

State and Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for restrictions on receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste and for State control over transportation of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 444 (Chafee, R-RI)

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment (Tires)

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code to impose a tax on the manufacture and importation of tires. Would create the Waste Tire Recycling, Abatement, and Disposal Trust Fund to be made available for recycling, abatement and cleanup of waste tire piles.

Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

S 445 (Chafee, R-RI)

Waste Tire Recycling, Abatement, and Disposal Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recycling of waste tires and to ablate tire dumps and tire stockpiles.

Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 448 (Robb, D-VA)

Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize local governments and Governors to restrict receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on March 17, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 463 (Coats, R-IN)

Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit a Governor to limit the disposal of out-of-State solid waste in the Governor's State.

Status: Introduced on March 18, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 599 (Boxer, D-CA)

Children's Environmental Protection Act

Would protect children and other vulnerable subpopulations from exposure to certain environmental pollutants, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 16, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 687 (Jeffords, R-VT)

Electric System Public Benefits Protection Act of 1997

Would enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes. "Renewable energy" means electricity generated from wind, organic waste (excluding incinerated municipal solid waste), or biomass or geothermal, solar thermal, or photovoltaic source.

Status: Introduced on May 1, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 899 (Dodd, D-CT)

Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide for flow control of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on June 12, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

S 951 (Torricelli, N-NJ)

Quiet Communities Act of 1997

Would reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency.

Status: Introduced on June 24, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 964 (Murkowski, R-AK)

Property Conveyance in the State of California

Would transfer land in Ward Valley, California, to the State of California, to build a low level nuclear waste dump.

Status: Introduced on June 26, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; public hearing held by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 22, 1997.

S 1176 (Thomas, R-WY)

State and Local Government Participation Act of 1997

Would guarantee that Federal agencies identify State agencies and counties as cooperating agencies when fulfilling their environmental planning responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Status: Introduced on September 15, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 1317 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)

Environmental Health Protection Act of 1997

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to expand the opportunity for health protection for citizens affected by hazardous waste sites.

Status: Introduced on October 24, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 1332 (Enzi, R-WY)

State Environmental Audit Protection Act

Would amend Title 28, United States Code, to recognize and protect State efforts to improve environmental mitigation and compliance through the promotion of voluntary environmental audits, including limited protection from discovery and limited protection from penalties.

Status: Introduced on October 29, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works; hearings adjourned by Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works on October 30, 1997.

S 1348 (Lieberman, D-CT)

Innovated Environmental Strategies Act of 1997

Would provide for innovative strategies for achieving superior environmental performance.

Status: Introduced on October 30, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 1401 (Bumpers, D-AR)

Transition to Electric Competition Act of 1997

Would provide for the transition to competition among electric energy suppliers for the benefit and protection of consumers, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 7, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 1497 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)

Equity and Public Involvement in Superfund Act of 1997

Would release contributors of ordinary trash in minor amounts of hazardous substances from litigation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 9, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S RES. 116 (Levin, Carl, D-MI)

Resolution Designating "America Recycles Day"

Would designate November 15, 1997, and November 15, 1998, as "America Recycles Day."

Status: Introduced on July 31, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

SCR 49 (Levin, Carl, D-MI)

Resolution Authorizing Use of the Capitol Grounds for "America Recycles Day"

Resolution Authorizing Use of the Capitol Grounds for "America Recycles Day"

Would authorize use of the Capitol Grounds for America Recycles Day national kick-off campaign.

Status: Introduced on July 31, 1997; joint referral to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

